

# East African Bird Report 1991

**T**HE FORMAT OF THIS REPORT follows that established in those for 1987–90: a general review for Kenya, together with the systematic lists and migrant dates, followed by similar records from colleagues in Tanzania and Uganda.

The revision of *Birds of East Africa* (Britton 1980) continued during the year, and only now (May 1993) have we reached the end of the non-passerines. This revision is indeed a lengthy process, particularly so at a time when so many views and opinions on African birds are being published. Meanwhile, the ongoing world debate on the pros and cons of the Sibley & Monroe classification continues.

## Kenya—general review and highlights

Weather over most of the country was, for a change, in line with the expected pattern for the region. Birding highlights of the year were the second country records of Black-bellied Seed-cracker *Pyrenestes ostrinus*, and Locust Finch *Ortygospiza locustella* from western Kenya border areas along with the first western Kenya record of the Magpie Mannikin *Lonchura fringilloides*. The third Kenya and East African specimen of Jouanin's Petrel *Bulweria fallax* was obtained offshore north of Mombasa. Two little-known subspecies were seen for the first time in over fifty years: the inland race *keniensis* of the Chestnut-fronted Helmet Shrike *Prionops scopifrons* from the fast disappearing Meru Forest, and the rare western race *somereni* of the Yellow-rumped Seed-eater *Serinus atrogularis* from Sioport near Port Victoria.

The Ngulia Ringing Group was well supported by both local and overseas ringers. A total of 9700 Palaearctic migrants was ringed and the season's report will be found beginning on p. 172.

Our concern continues over the status of the Grey Parrot *Psittacus erithacus* in the Kakamega area. Numbers appear to be exceptionally low with possibly only two individuals surviving.

## Tanzania and Uganda

Sadly we have little to report from Tanzania, and once again we appeal to those active ornithologists and birders there, together with visitors to the country, to send in their records, no matter how mundane they may appear. We understand that several ornithological projects are under way in Tanzania, and we would like to be able to include details in *Scopus* for the worldwide readership the journal enjoys.

As mentioned in last year's report, we are pleased to see a growing interest in Uganda forest bird communities, and we are fortunate to have received details of an extensive survey of ten Uganda Forest Reserves undertaken during April to November by Ian Francis and Nicola Penford. Their records appear on pp. 163–170 and we hope others in Kenya and Tanzania will be encouraged to provide similar sets of records.

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## Species report

### Records collated by D. A. Turner

Abbreviations used after species' names:

- S(A):** **Scarce species**, five or fewer East African records
- S(B):** **Scarce species**, six to 25 East African records
- R:** **Requested species**: species of special interest whose status requires clarification
- E:** Records showing an **Extension of Range**
- N:** Records included for their **Numerical interest**
- D:** Records of migrants whose **Dates** are of interest
- M:** Records of **Miscellaneous** interest.

## Kenya: Afrotropical and oceanic species

### PODICIPEDIDAE GREBES

*Podiceps cristatus* **Great Crested Grebe N:** numbers continue to decline: max counts of 11. Oloiden, Naivasha, 9 Lake Nakuru and 4 Lake Baringo during Jan (KWWG); 4 Lake Nakuru Jun–Jul, increasing to 12 by late Nov (several observers).

*Podiceps nigricollis* **Black-necked Grebe N:** Present Lake Elmentaita Aug–Dec with max of c. 50 mid-Aug (MAAC); >100 Lakes Nakuru and Bogoria late Oct (DKR), >40 Lake Bogoria 4 Nov (DEW), >1000 Lake Nakuru 11 Nov (DKR).

*Tachybaptus ruficollis* **Little Grebe N:** max count at Lake Nakuru NP 7858 13 Jan (KWWG).

### DIOMEDEIDAE ALBATROSSES

*Diomedea* sp. [possibly *Shy Albatross D. cauta* S(A)]: 1 off Shimoni 1 Oct (WC).

### PROCELLARIIDAE PETRELS, SHEARWATERS

*Bulweria fallax* **Jouanin's Petrel S(A):** an emaciated specimen collected 8 km N of Mtwapa Creek near Mombasa 3 Dec (IP).

*Third Kenya record. See Scopus 16: 54–55.*

*Puffinus lherminieri* **Audubon's Shearwater S(B):** 1 off Mtwapa 16–17 Dec (IP).

*Puffinus pacificus* **Wedge-tailed Shearwater S(B):** several (max 12) off Mtwapa 30 Nov–5 Dec (IP).

### PELECANIDAE PELICANS

*Pelecanus onocrotalus* **White Pelican N:** max 18 362 Lake Nakuru 13 Jan (KWWG).  
**B:** bred throughout the year at Lake Elmentaita, peaking Jan–Feb and Jul–Aug (MAAC).

*Pelecanus rufescens* **Pink-backed Pelican N:** max 112 Lake Nakuru 21 Jul (KWWG).

### PHALACROCORACIDAE CORMORANTS

*Phalacrocorax carbo* **Great Cormorant N:** max 2906 Lake Nakuru 13 Jan (KWWG).

*Phalacrocorax africanus* **Long-tailed Cormorant N:** max 731 Lake Naivasha 13 Jan (KWWG) and >800 roosting on papyrus island there 14–15 Nov (DEW).

### ANHINGIDAE DARTERS

*Anhinga rufa* **African Darter N:** 2 Oloiden, Naivasha Jan (KWWG), 11 Lake Baringo mid-Jan (KWWG), >35 flying towards Lake Jipe 25 Feb (MAAC, DAT), many Mwea National Reserve 26–27 Aug (PF, PS), 2 Central Island, Lake Turkana 11 Oct (DAT), 1 Mzima Springs, Tsavo West NP 21 Nov (DKR), 1 Lake Naivasha 15 Nov (DEW).

## FREGATIDAE FRIGATEBIRDS

*Fregata* sp. frigatebird species R: female off Lamu 21 Oct (RB).

## ARDEIDAE HERONS, BITTERNs

*Ixobrychus minutus payesii* Little Bittern R: recorded from Ibonia Estate, Kiambu all year, Mwea National Reserve Aug, Lake Naivasha Jul, Aug, Nov, Lake Nakuru Jul and Lake Baringo Jan, Jun (Several observers).

*Ixobrychus sturmii* Dwarf Bittern R: 2 Mwea National Reserve 26–27 Aug (PJF, PS), singles at Ngulia 17–18 Nov, 9 Dec (BWF, DJP, IR, NR), 1 Salt Lick Lodge 27 Nov (TS), 1 Mudanda, Tsavo East NP 1 Dec (RB).

*Ardea cinerea* Grey Heron N: 450 Lake Nakuru 13 Jan (KWWG) reducing to 143 on 21 Jul.

*Ardeola idae* Madagascar Squacco Heron R: records from Lake Bogoria Jun (TS) and Thika Sep (BWF).

*Ardeola rufiventris* Rufous-bellied Heron R: present Mara GR throughout the year, max 9 (several observers).

*Egretta ardesiaca* Black Heron R: 3 Musiara Swamp, Mara GR Sep–Oct (BWF); 3 Lake Baringo Nov, 1 Lake Nakuru 7 Nov, 1 Lake Naivasha Oct–Nov (DEW); 2 Tsavo East NP mid-Dec (PL), 10–12 Lake Elmenteita Nov–Dec (MACC).

*Egretta garzetta* Little Egret N: 176 Lake Nakuru 13 Jan and 43 there 21 Jul (KWWG).

*Egretta gularis* African Reef Heron R: 1 light phase Lake Turkana 10 Oct (DAT), 1 dark phase Mida Creek 17 Nov (DEW).

*Gorsachius leuconotus* White-backed Night Heron S(B): 1 sub-adult Kichwa Tembo, Mara GR Feb–Mar (BWF); an adult and a juvenile Mwea National Reserve 27 Aug (PJF, PS).

*Nycticorax nycticorax* Black-crowned Night Heron N: Lake Nakuru: 148 on 13 Jan (KWWG), >200 11 Feb (DKR), but only 1 on 21 Jul (KWWG). M: 2 in dry river bed N of Archer's Post 2 Nov (DEW).

## CICONIIDAE STORKS

*Anastomus lamelligerus* Open-billed Stork M: 4 Mara GR 29 Jan (DF), 2 North Kinangop 2 Feb (RB), 2 Nairobi NP 14 Jul (RB), 100 Aruba Dam, Tsavo East NP 1 Dec (RB).

*Ciconia episcopus* Woolly-necked Stork MB: away from usual sites at the coast and in the southeast: 1 Nairobi NP 3 Nov (RB), 1 Masinga Dam 30 Jun (DAT), 1 Marich Pass 8 Oct (DAT).

*Leptoptilos crumeniferus* Marabou Stork N: 797 Lake Nakuru 13 Jan and 557 there 21 Jul (KWWG); >800 Lake Magadi 20 Feb (DAT).

*Mycteria ibis* Yellow-billed Stork N: 1181 Lake Nakuru 13 Jan and 1621 there 21 Jul (KWWG).

*Platalea alba* African Spoonbill N: 234 Lake Nakuru 13 Jan and 313 there 21 Jul (KWWG).

## PHOENICOPTERIDAE FLAMINGOS

*Phoeniconaias minor* Lesser Flamingo N: 10 463 Lake Elmenteita Jan, 15 102 Lake Nakuru 13 Jan and 93 121 there 21 Jul (KWWG).

*Phoenicopterus ruber* Greater Flamingo N: 9937 Lake Nakuru 13 Jan and 2395 there 21 Jul (KWWG).

## ANATIDAE DUCKS, GEESE

*Anas undulata* Yellow-billed Duck N: >1000 OI Bolossat 19 Sep were of the northern race *rueppelli* (DAT); >50 Karen, Nairobi mid-Sep (DKR).

*Netta erythrophthalma* Southern Pochard N: >400 Lake Naivasha 15 Nov (DEW).

*Oxyura maccoa* Maccoa Duck N: c. 70 Dundori near Nakuru 20 Jan (DF).

*Thalassornis leuconotus* White-backed Duck N: 14 Lake Naivasha Jan (KWWG), >100 Lake Paradise, Marsabit late Nov (IR, NR), 8 Taita Hills/Salt Lick Lodge 18 Dec (PL).

## ACCIPITRIDAE BIRDS OF PREY

*Gypohierax angolensis* Palm-nut Vulture ME: 1-2 present throughout the year at Samburu GR (TS).

*Neophron monachus* Hooded Vulture N: 72 together at Lamu 19 Oct (RB).

*Gypaetus barbatus* Lammergeyer M: 1 over Wundanyi, Taita Hills 12 Nov (BWF).

*Circus ranivorus* African Marsh Harrier M: 1 near Kieni 12 Jul (DAT), 1 Kisumu 10 Nov (DEW).

*Circaetus cinerascens* Banded Snake Eagle M: recorded Mara GR Jan (DF) and Kakamega area Nov (DEW).

*Accipiter minullus* Little Sparrowhawk R: recorded Kiambu Forest Feb (JRPC), Samburu GR and Gedi Forest, both Nov (DEW).

*Accipiter ovampensis* Ovampo Sparrowhawk R: 1 northwest Mara GR 7 and 12 Nov (BWF, DEW).

*Butastur rufipennis* Grasshopper Buzzard N: 1 70 km E of Thika 5 Jan (DAT), 6 Laké Jipe 13 Nov (BWF), >30 Tsavo West NP 16 Nov (DEW).

*Kaupifalco monogrammicus* Lizard Buzzard E: 1 Karen, Nairobi 28 Jul (DAT).

*Aviceda cuculoides* Cuckoo Hawk R: recorded from Naro Moru (Jan), northwest Mara GR Jul and Oct, Kieni Forest Nov (SR, BWF, JHF).

*Chelictinia riocourii* Swallow-tailed Kite R: recorded from Nairobi NP Jan, Buffalo Springs GR Oct and Nov, Lake Nakuru Nov and Dec (several observers).

*Macheiramphus alcinus* Bat Hawk R: recorded from Samburu GR Jun and Aug (TS), Mara GR Nov (DEW).

## FALCONIDAE FALCONS

*Falco alopex* Fox Kestrel R: 1 Central Island, Lake Turkana 11 Oct (DAT).

*Falco chicquera* Red-necked Falcon M: 2 Karawa, N of Malindi 28 Jul (JHF), 1 Buffalo Springs GR 28 Oct and 7 Nov (BWF, DKR).

**Falco fasciinucha Taita Falcon S(B):** a pair on Ololokwe Sep–Nov (IR, NR, ST).

**Falco rupicoloides White-eyed Kestrel E:** a few Leroghi plains near Maralal 18 Dec (DAT, ADFW).

PHASIANIDAE QUAILS, FRANCOLINS

**Coturnix chinensis Blue Quail R:** several northwest Mara GR late Mar and Apr (ML).

**Francolinus levaillantii Red-winged Francolin R:** 1 Mungatsi, Mumias, 30 Jun (TS), several around Koru 20–21 Jul (DAT), 5 northwest Mara GR 26 Nov (TS).

**Ptilopachus petrosus Stone Partridge R:** heard calling at South Horr 29 Dec (MACC).

NUMIDIDAE GUINEAFOWLS

**Guttera pucherani Crested Guineafowl N:** present Kitovu Forest, Taveta Feb (MACC, DAT), 32 Sokoke Forest 1 May (JHF), 3 Mountain Lodge 25 Aug (FN), pair with 9 young northwest Mara GR 18 Oct (BWF), >20 Shimba Hills NP 19 Nov (DEW).

TURNICIDAE BUTTON QUAILS, QUAIL PLOVER

**Ortyxelos meiffreni Quail Plover R:** 2 Tsavo West NP 12 Dec (DH).

**Turnix sylvatica Button Quail M:** singles ringed at Ngulia 1 and 7 Dec (GCB, DJP).

RALLIDAE RAILS, CRAKES

**Gallinula angulata Lesser Moorhen M:** 1 near Thika 28 Sep (BWF).

**Porphyrio alleni Allen's Gallinule R:** away from the regular Rift Valley sites: 2 Ras Ngomeni pools N of Malindi 28 Jul (JHF), 1 Siopot near Port Victoria 26 Sep (BWF, DAT).

**Porphyrio porphyrio Purple Gallinule N:** small numbers Lake Naivasha and Thika in Jan (DF), 2 Nairobi NP 6 Oct (DKR).

**Sarothrura rufa Red-chested Pygmy Crake R:** several calling from a swamp at Rumuruti 19 Sep (DAT).

**Fulica cristata Red-knobbed Coot N:** 15 276 Lake Naivasha and a further 4122 at Oloiden during Jan (KWWG).

HELIORNITHIDAE FINFOOTS

**Podiceps senegalensis African Finfoot R:** 1 female Nairobi NP 28 Oct (SR).

OTIDIDAE BUSTARDS

**Eupodotis hartlaubii Hartlaub's Bustard M:** several Tsavo East NP 19 Dec (PL).

**Neotis denhami Denham's Bustard E:** 1 Kipsing, near Barsalinga, 11 Aug (MACC).

JACANIDAE JACANAS

**Microparra capensis Lesser Jacana R:** 1 Kisumu Yacht Club 5 Nov (BWF).

## ROSTRATULIDAE PAINTED SNIPES

*Rostratula benghalensis* Painted Snipe R: recorded from Lake Elmentaita Aug and Oct, Lake Bogoria Jun, Lake Baringo Jul–Nov (several observers).

## CHARADRIIDAE PLOVERS

*Charadrius pallidus* Chestnut-banded Sandplover E: 2 Amboseli NP 13 Jun (TS).

## BURHINIDAE THICKNEES

*Burhinus vermiculatus* Water Thicknee M: 2 Manda Island, Lamu District 21 Oct (RB).

## LARIDAE GULLS, TERNS

*Anous stolidus* Common Noddy R: 14 Watamu Marine Park 19 Aug and large numbers off Watamu 12 Dec (JHF).

*Anous tenuirostris* Lesser Noddy S(B): 8 Watamu Marine Park 19 Aug (JHF).

*Sterna anaethetus* Bridled Tern R: 25–50 pairs Whale Island, Watamu Marine Park 19 Aug (JHF)..

*Sterna dougallii* Roseate Tern N: 2000–3000 pairs Whale Island, Watamu Marine Park 19 Aug (JHF).

## RYNCHOPIDAE SKIMMERS

*Rynchops flavirostris* African Skimmer R: recorded from Mwea National Reserve Aug, Lake Baringo Oct, Lake Nakuru Jan and Nov, Lake Turkana Mar and Oct (several observers).

## PTEROCLIDAE SANDGROUSE

*Pterocles quadricinctus* Four-banded Sandgrouse R: 2 Mugie Ponds, Laikipia 24 Jun (TS).

## COLUMBIDAE PIGEONS

*Columba arquatrix* Olive Pigeon E: c. 10 flying high from Mt Kenya towards the Mathew's Range over Barsalanga area 9–10 Aug (MACC).

*Turtur afer* Blue-spotted Wood Dove E: 1 near Molo 2 Feb (JRPC), 1 near Mau Summit 18 Jul (DAT).

*Treron australis* Green Pigeon E: 1 Baringo 24 Mar was only the second record for the area (TS).

## PSITTACIDAE PARROTS

*Agapornis pullaria* Red-headed Lovebird R: recorded from Busia, Mumias and Webuye areas (several observers).

*Poicephalus meyeri* Brown Parrot E: several Rumuruti 19 Sep (DAT).

***Pittacus erithacus* Grey Parrot R:** 1 at the Ikuyu River, Kakamega 3 Nov (BWF) and 2 seen there mid-Nov (IR, NR).

MUSOPHAGIDAE TURACOS

***Crinifer zonurus* Eastern Grey Plantain-eater E:** 1 Keekorok, Mara GR 23 Jan (DF).

***Tauraco porphyreolophus* Violet-crested Turaco R:** pair Ololua Ridge, Karen, Nairobi in Jan (JW); pair still present in the Mua Hills despite continuing habitat destruction (BWF).

CUCULIDAE CUCKOOS

***Cercococcyx montanus* Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo R:** 2+ Irangi Forest Station, Mt Kenya 3 Mar (RB).

***Clamator levaillantii* Levaillant's Cuckoo R:** 1 Naro Moru 19–27 Jan (DF et al.), Juv Nairobi NP 19 Jun (DAT), 1 Kakamega Forest 8 Nov (DEW).

***Cuculus clamosus* Black Cuckoo R:** away from regular sites: 1 Mara GR 1 Jan (JRPC), 2 near Mweiga 31 Jan (JRPC), present Lake Elmentaita Apr–Dec (MACC).

***Cuculus gularis* African Cuckoo R:** seen Lake Elmentaita May, Aug and Sep (MACC).

***Ceuthmochares aereus* Yellowbill M:** 2 Kiambu Forest 17 Sep, 1, 15 Oct (JRPC), 1 near Voi 12 Nov (BWF).

***Centropus grillii* Black Coucal R:** present Mara GR Jan–Apr, breeding suspected (BWF), 1 Lake Bogoria 12 Nov (DKR).

***Centropus monachus* Blue-headed Coucal E:** pair close to the Olololoo escarpment northwest Mara GR 17 Oct (BWF).

STRIGIDAE OWLS

***Asio capensis* African Marsh Owl M:** 1 northwest Mara GR 26 Mar (ML), 1 near Eldoret 11 Aug (TS).

***Scotopelia peli* Pel's Fishing Owl R:** 2 sightings along the Mara River from balloons during Aug–Sep (ML).

CAPRIMULGIDAE NIGHTJARS

***Caprimulgus clarus* Slender-tailed Nightjar R:** singles ringed Ngulia 12 Nov and 6 Dec (GCB, DJP).

***Caprimulgus donaldsoni* Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar R:** 8 ringed Ngulia 13–30 Nov (GCB, DJP).

***Caprimulgus fraenatus* Dusky Nightjar R:** 3 Nairobi NP 9 Nov (RB), 2 ringed Ngulia 3 and 13 Nov (GCB, DJP), present Lake Elmentaita Jan–Sep (MACC).

***Caprimulgus inornatus* Plain Nightjar R:** 18 ringed Ngulia 13 Nov–4 Dec (GCB, DJP).

***Macrodipteryx vexillarius* Pennant-winged Nightjar R:** 1 male Samburu GR 20–22 Jun (TS).



## APODIDAE SWIFTS

*Apus berliozii* Forbes-Watson's Swift S(B): >40 over Mida Creek at dusk 14 and 28 Nov (BWF, DH, DJP).

*Neafrapus boehmi* Böhm's Spinetail E: 1 Meru Forest 30 Oct (BWF).

*Schoutedenapus myoptilus* Scarce Swift R: small numbers over Nairobi-Kiambu during Jan-Mar (JRPC, DAT), 3 over Ibonia Estate, Kiambu 13 Sep (JRPC).

## ALCEDINIDAE KINGFISHERS

*Alcedo quadibrachys* Shining Blue Kingfisher S(A): 1 Alupe near Busia 2 Sep (IR).

*Halcyon albiventris* Brown-hooded Kingfisher E: pair resident at Blue Posts, Thika throughout the year (BWF).

## MEROPIDAE BEE-EATERS

*Merops bullockoides* White-fronted Bee-eater E: several including juveniles around Rombo near Loitokitok 25-26 Feb (MACC, DAT), several along Mara River below Olololoo Escarpment Jan-Mar (MC, BWF).

*Merops nubicus* Carmine Bee-eater (records away from usual sites) E: 1 Mtito Andei 9 Nov (DJP), 2 Lake Elmentaita 30 Nov (DAT).

*Merops revoilii* Somali Bee-eater E: 1 c. 10 km S of Mzima Springs 12 Dec (DJP).

## CORACIIDAE ROLLERS

*Coracias abyssinica* Abyssinian Roller R: 2 Lake Bogoria 22 Jan (DKR), 1 there 4-12 Nov (DKR, DEW), 1 Dida Galgalla desert 23 Nov (IR, NR).

*Coracias caudata* Lilac-breasted Roller E: at least 3 of the Somali race *loriti* in Samburu GR 31 Oct-1 Nov (DEW), 2 *loriti* Tsavo East NP 19 Dec (PL).

*Eurystomus glaucurus* Broad-billed Roller M: >25 near Muhoroni 21 Jul (DAT), 5 near Busia 24 Sep (BWF).

## BUCEROTIDAE HORNBILL

*Bucorvus cafer* Ground Hornbill M: pair Kakamega Nature Reserve 30 Jan (MACC, DAT).

## CAPITONIDAE BARBETS

*Gymnobucco bonapartei* Grey-throated Barbet E: small numbers now resident in forest patches on Olololoo Escarpment northwest Mara GR (BWF).

*Lybius guifsobalito* Black-billed Barbet E: 1 Olololoo Escarpment northwest Mara GR 12-13 Jan (BWF, DJP).

*Lybius melanopterus* Brown-breasted Barbet E: several in fruiting figs at Rombo near Loitokitok 25-26 Feb (MACC, DAT).

*Pogoniulus simplex* Green Tinkerbird M: singles Sokoke Forest 11 Nov and 14 Dec (JHF, IR, NR).

*Trachylaemus purpuratus* Yellow-billed Barbet E: 1 on forested slopes of the Elgeyu

escarpment at the south end of the Kerio Valley near Kenya Fluorspar Mine in Dec (NW).

## INDICATORIDAE HONEYGUIDES

*Indicator meliphilus* **Pallid Honeyguide R**: recorded from Maralal Jun (TS), Saiwa Swamp Nov (TS).

*Prodotiscus regulus* **Wahlberg's Honeybird E**: 1 Mwea National Reserve 26–27 Aug (PJF, PS).

## PICIDAE WOODPECKERS

*Jynx ruficollis* **Red-throated Wryneck R**: recorded from Kabete Jan, Kiambu and Nakuru NP throughout the year (JRPC, DF, RB).

*Picoides obsoletus* **Brown-backed Woodpecker R**: 1 seen sporadically throughout the year at Windsor Golf & Country Club, Kiambu, (JRPC), 1 in juniper forest at Maralal 3 Nov (DEW).

## ALAUDIDAE LARKS

*Calandrella somalica* **Rufous Short-toed Lark R**: >30 of the race *megaensis* on the Leroghi plateau near Maralal were in song and display flight on 25 Nov (IR, NR); many more present there 17–18 Dec but only a few displaying and in song as area dried out (DAT, ADF-W).

*Mirafrja williamsi* **Williams's Bush Lark R**: 5 near Turbi, Dida Galgalla desert, 23 Nov (IR, NR).

## HIRUNDINIDAE SWALLOWS AND MARTINS

*Hirundo atrocaerulea* **Blue Swallow R**: Male in full plumage, Sio River, Mumias, 4 Nov (BWF).

## CORVIDAE CROWS

*Ptilostomus afer* **Piapiac M**: 3 near Busia, 26 Sep (BWF, DAT).

## TIMALIIDAE BABLERS

*Alcippe abyssinica* **African Hill Babbler E**: 1 Migori River NE of Logorien 7 Oct was the first for the area (BWF).

*Turdoides hindei* **Hinde's Babbler R**: 3 Rukenya, Embu District, 19 Nov (IR, NR).

*Turdoides melanops* **Black-lored Babbler M**: 2 at Lake Baringo 11–14 May were the first for the area (RB, TS); several records from near Olololoo escarpment northwest Mara GR (BWF); 1 at Maralal with a party of Brown Babblers *T. plebejus* 2–3 Nov (DEW).

## CAMPEPHAGIDAE CUCKOO SHRIKES

*Campephaga flava* **Black Cuckoo Shrike M**: 2 adult males ringed Ngulia 16 Nov

(GCB, DJP) were the first adult males caught there; 1 near Maralal 18 Dec (ADFW, DAT).

***Campephaga phoenicea* Red-shouldered Cuckoo Shrike M:** records from Mungatsi, Mumias 30 Jun and Alupe, Busia 24 Sep (BWF, TS, DAT).

***Coracina caesia* Grey Cuckoo Shrike M:** 1 Karissia Hills near Maralal 28 Dec (MACC).

#### PYCNONOTIDAE BULBULS

***Andropadus curvirostris* Cameroon Sombre Greenbul E:** present in riverine vegetation along the Migori River NE of Lolgorien 7 Oct (BWF) was the first record for the area and a considerable southerly extension; 3 on forested slopes of Elgeyu escarpment at south end of the Kerio Valley 30 Dec (NW).

***Andropadus importunus* Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul M:** small numbers resident in thick bush below the Blue Posts Hotel, Thika (several observers); 1 Naro Moru 31 Oct (DEW).

***Andropadus virens* Little Greenbul E:** common in riverine vegetation along the Migori River and in forest patches on the Olololoo escarpment northwest Mara GR (BWF).

***Chlorocichla flavicollis* Yellow-throated Leaflove E:** present in riverine vegetation along the Migori River NE of Lolgorien 7 Oct; the first record for the area and a considerable southerly extension of range (BWF).

***Chlorocichla flaviventris* Yellow-bellied Greenbul M:** 1 ringed at Ngulia 1 Dec was the first for the site (GCB, DJP).

***Chlorocichla laetissima* Joyful Greenbul E:** resident in a forest patch on the Olololoo escarpment northwest Mara GR marks a considerable southerly extension of range (BWF).

***Phyllastrephus cerviniventris* Grey-olive Greenbul R:** small numbers present in the Kiambu-Thika area around the Windsor G&CC and Blue Posts Hotel (several observers).

#### TURDIDAE THRUSHES

***Alethe poliocephala* Brown-chested Alethe M:** 1 Irangi Forest, Mt Kenya 3 Mar (RB), 1 Kieni Forest, southern Aberdares 21 Jul (RB).

***Cercomela scotocerca* Brown-tailed Rock Thrush M:** >6 Central Island, Lake Turkana 11 Oct (DAT).

***Cercotrichas hartlaubi* Brown-backed Scrub Robin R:** common in cultivation below the Nandi escarpment and at the edge of Kakamega National Reserve late Jan (MACC, DAT); 3 Mungatsi, Mumias 25 Jan (DF); 1 Naro Moru 30 Oct (DEW); singles at Ibonia Estate and Windsor G&CC, Kiambu District throughout the year (JRPC).

***Cossypha natalensis* Red-capped Robin Chat M:** common in woodland behind the Olololoo escarpment, northwest Mara GR where sympatric with *C. heuglini*, *C. niveicapilla*, *C. caffra* and *Dryocichloides poliopterus* (BWF).

- Cossypha niveicapilla* **Snowy-headed Robin Chat E:** common in forest close to the Olololoo escarpment northwest Mara GR and in riverine woodland along the nearby Migori River 7 Oct (BWF): a considerable southerly extension of known range.
- Dryocichloides poliopterus* **Grey-winged Ground Robin RN:** present in riverine woodland along the Migori River NE of Lolgorien 7 Oct (BWF): a considerable southerly extension of known range.
- Monticola rufocinerea* **Little Rock Thrush R:** records from northwest Mara GR Jan and Aug, and Mweiga, Aug (several observers).
- Sheppardia gunningi* **East Coast Akalat R:** 2 Sokoke Forest 12 and 14 Dec (IR, NR).
- Turdus pelios* **African Thrush M:** 1 in riverine vegetation along the Migori River NE of Lolgorien 7 Oct (BWF).
- Turdus tephronotus* **Bare-eyed Thrush M:** 1 S of Kajiado 3 Nov (RB).

## SYLVIIDAE WARBLERS

- Apalis pulchra* **Black-collared Apalis E:** present along the Migori River NE of Lolgorien 7 Oct (BWF): a considerable southerly extension of known range.
- Bradypterus carpalis* **White-winged Warbler M:** common in papyrus swamps at Kisumu and Sioport all year (BWF, DAT).
- Camaroptera simplex* **Grey Wren Warbler M:** the race *undosa* widespread over much of the Mara GR throughout the year (several observers).
- Chloropeta gracilirostris* **Papyrus Yellow Warbler R:** pair Kisumu Yacht Club area 10 Nov (DEW), 20 Nov (TS) and 2 Dec (IR, NR).
- Cisticola aberrans* **Rock-loving Cisticola R:** several pairs present all year on the Olololoo escarpment NW Mara GR (several observers).
- Cisticola bodessa* **Boran Cisticola M:** common resident on the Tambach escarpment (TS) as well as usual site at the junction of the Meru-Isiolo road near Timau; also 1 in full song Maralal 17-18 Dec (ADFW, DAT).
- Cisticola fulvicapilla* **Tabora Cisticola M:** widespread resident throughout acacia country in the Mara GR (several observers).
- Cisticola lateralis* **Whistling Cisticola M:** pair resident along the Sio River, Mumias, and breeding Aug-Sep (BWF, DAT, IR).
- Cisticola woosnami* **Trilling Cisticola M:** common throughout the northwest Mara GR around the Olololoo escarpment (several observers).
- Eremomela pusilla* **Green-backed Eremomela M:** small numbers resident in the Kerio Valley below Kabarnet, mainly near the Kerio River (DAT, BWF, TS); 2 Kongalal escarpment 14 Aug (TS).
- Heliolais erythroptera* **Red-winged Warbler R:** 1 at Awasi 26 Jan (DF).
- Hyltiota flavigaster* **Yellow-bellied Hyltiota R:** several pairs resident along the Olololoo escarpment northwest Mara GR (several observers).
- Parisoma lugens* **Brown Parisoma M:** records from Kakamega, Jan and Nairobi, Apr and Sep (RB, GCB, MACC, DAT).
- Prinia leucopogon* **White-chinned Prinia M:** several in riverine vegetation along the Migori River NE of Lolgorien 7 Oct (BWF).

*Schoenicola platyura* Fan-tailed Warbler M: records from Mara GR, Jul and Kakamega, Nov (SR, DEW).

*Sylvietta isabellina* Somali Long-billed Crombec M: 1 near Wamba 23 Jun (TS).

MUSCICAPIDAE FLYCATCHERS

*Muscicapa gambagae* Gambaga Flycatcher S(B): 1 Shaba GR 29 Jun (DAT); 1 adult ringed at night, Ngulia 13 Nov, was the first adult recorded there (GCB, DJP).

*Muscicapa lendu* Chapin's Flycatcher S(B): singles Kakamega Forest 24 Jan and 19 Nov (DF, TS).

*Myioparus plumbeus* Lead-coloured Flycatcher M: records from Lake Baringo, Jan and the Kerio Valley, Sep (DF, DAT).

*Batis minor* Black-headed Batis M: 1 Takwa ruins, Manida Island, Lamu District 21 Oct (RB).

*Batis orientalis* Grey-headed Batis R: present throughout the year in the Kerio Valley below Kabarnet (several observers); pair Tsavo East NP, 1 Feb (DF).

*Platysteira peltata* Black-throated Wattle-eye E: present around Rombo, near Loitokitok, 25–26 Feb (MACC, DAT); 1 Windsor G&CC, Kiambu District 26 Oct (JRPC, DAT).

*Trochocercus cyanomelas* Crested Flycatcher M: pair Meru Forest on several occasions throughout the year (BWF) were the first records from the Mt Kenya–Meru area for several years.

MOTACILLIDAE WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

*Anthus caffer* Little Tawny Pipit R: 6 near Siana Springs, eastern Mara GR, 10 Nov (BWF) and a pair in the same area holding territory, early Dec.

*Anthus melindae* Malindi Pipit M: 2 Karawa, 70 km N of Malindi, 28 Jul (JHF).

*Anthus sokokensis* Sokoke Pipit RB: pair with newly fledged juvenile, Sokoke Forest, 2 Nov (JHF).

*Tmetothylacus tenellus* Golden Pipit M: 1 ringed Ngulia, 15 Nov (GCB, DJP).

MALACONOTIDAE BUSH SHRIKES

*Laniarius luehderi* Lühder's Bush Shrike E: pair in forest patch on the Olololoo escarpment northwest Mara GR, 18 Oct was the first for the area of a bird which appeared to be resident (BWF); the most southerly record to date.

*Laniarius mufumbiri* Papyrus Gonolek R: common in papyrus swamps at Kisumu and Sioport throughout the year (several observers).

*Tchagra minuta* Marsh Tchagra M: pair Kakamega Forest glade, 28–31 Jan (MACC, DAT).

LANIIDAE SHRIKES

*Corvinella melanoleuca* Magpie Shrike N: several pairs resident in the eastern Mara GR near Siana Springs (BWF).

**Lanius excubitorius Grey-backed Fiscal E:** party of 4, 15 km N of Rumuruti, 19 Dec (ADFW, DAT).

**Lanius mackinnoni Mackinnon's Shrike E:** a few in riverine woodland and on edges of clearings behind the Olololoo escarpment, northwest Mara GR, 7 Oct was a considerable southerly extension of known range (BWF).

#### PRIONOPIIDAE HELMET SHRIKES

**Prionops poliophaga Grey-crested Helmet Shrike R:** records from Lake Nakuru NP, Jan and the Mara GR, most months (DF, BWF).

**Prionops scopifrons Chestnut-fronted Helmet Shrike M:** party of 6, Meru Forest, 30 Oct (BWF) was the first record of the (presumed) race *keniensis* for almost 50 years.

#### STURNIDAE STARLINGS

**Lamprotornis chloropterus Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling E:** flock of 13 at base of Mt Nyiru, 18 km N of South Horr, 29 Dec (MACC).

**Lamprotornis purpureus Purple Glossy Starling R:** 3 at Mungatsi, Mumias, 30 Nov (IR, NR).

**Spreo shelleyi Shelley's Starling R:** 15 on road between Kwale and Taru, 16 Nov (BWF).

#### NECTARINIIDAE SUNBIRDS

**Anthreptes neglectus Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird M:** pair Shimba Hills NP 16 Nov (BWF).

**Nectarinia bouvieri Orange-tufted Sunbird M:** 2–3 in forest glade, Kakamega, 28–31 Jan (MACC, DAT).

**Nectarinia nectarinioides Smaller Black-bellied Sunbird E:** male at Tana River Bridge on the main Nairobi–Nyeri road, 18 January (DF).

**Nectarinia superba Superb Sunbird M:** 2 males in riverine vegetation N of Alupe, Busia, 26 Sep (BWF, DAT)

*The second and third Kenya records in the last 50 years.*

#### PLOCEIDAE WEAVERS

**Anomalospiza imberbis Parasitic Weaver RN:** at least 100 in a huge mixed flock with *Quelea quelea* at edge of Nairobi NP, late May (FN).

**Euplectes nigroventris Zanzibar Red Bishop M:** present around Rombo, near Loitokitok, 25–26 Feb (MACC, DAT).

**Ploceus golandi Clarke's Weaver R:** present Soko Forest early Feb, also late Aug–Nov (JHF *et al.*).

**Ploceus luteolus Little Weaver EB:** race *kavirondensis*: a few resident in the vicinity of Siana Springs, eastern Mara GR, with active nest in early Dec (BWF).

**Ploceus subaureus Golden Weaver MB:** pair building nest at edge of a Speke's Weaver *P. spekei* colony in a small patch of papyrus at Windsor G&CC, Kiambu District, 30 Oct (JRPC).

*Passer castanopterus* **Somali Sparrow RB**: c. 8 at nest holes in eroded river bank near Kapedo, N of Baringo, 11 Dec (TS).

ESTRILDIDAE WAXBILLS

*Estrilda paludicola* **Fawn-breasted Waxbill E**: present in clearings behind Olololo escarpment, northwest Mara GR during Oct (BWF) was the most southerly locality to date.

*Estrilda troglodytes* **Black-rumped Waxbill M**: 2 Ahero Rice Scheme 25 Jan (DF).

*Hypargos niveoguttatus* **Peters' Twinspot M**: a male and a female ringed at Ngulia, 12 and 14 Dec were the first records for the site (GCB, DJP).

*Lagonosticta rara* **Black-breasted Firefinch M**: a few in cultivation N of Alupe, Busia, late Jan (MACC, DAT).

*Lagonosticta rhodopareia* **Jameson's Firefinch M**: present around Rombo, near Loitokitok, 25–26 Feb (MACC, DAT).

*Mandingoa nitidula* **Green-backed Twinspot E**: group of >5 in forest at the Windsor G&CC, Kiambu District, 21 Mar (JRPC).

*Ortygospiza locustella* **Locust Finch S(A)**: 5 Mungatsi, Mumias, 20 Nov (TS), presumed to have been of the race *uelensis*.

*Second Kenya record.*

*Pyrenestes ostrinus* **Black-bellied Seed-cracker S(A)**: 2 near Alupe, Busia, 2 Sep (IR).

*Second Kenya record.*

*Spermophaga ruficapilla* **Red-headed Bluebill M**: of the race *cana*: 1 Meru Forest edge, 30 Oct (BWF).

*Lonchura fringilloides* **Maggie Mannikin RE**: 4 near Alupe, Busia, 2 Sep (IR) was the first record from western Kenya and only the second recent record for the country as a whole.

FRINGILLIDAE BUNTINGS, CANARIES, SEED-EATERS

*Serinus atrogularis* **Yellow-rumped Seed-eater M**: of the race *somereni*: a pair near Sioport, 26 Sep (BWF, DAT) was the first record of this race—considered a full species by some authors—for over 50 years.

*Serinus donaldsoni* **Grosbeak Canary E**: 1 Mua Hills, 27 Nov (TS).

*Serinus koliensis* **Papyrus Canary R**: resident in papyrus swamps around Kisumu (several observers).

*Serinus reichardi* **Stripe-breasted Seed-eater R**: singles at Meru–Isiolo junction near Timau, 20 Jun, 17 Dec (ADFW, TS, DAT).

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*Ixobrychus m. minutus* **Little Bittern R**: 1 caught and ringed at night, Ngulia, 7 Dec (DJP, GCB).

- Ciconia ciconia* **White Stork M:** >25 overwintering at Lake Nakuru NP in mid-June (DAT).
- Ciconia nigra* **Black Stork R:** records from Nairobi NP, Jan and Oct, Kitale, Feb; Limuru, Elmentaita, Nakuru, Mara GR (all Nov), Salt Lick Lodge, Dec (several observers).
- Platalea leucorodia* **Eurasian Spoonbill S(B):** 1 Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana with African Spoonbills *P. alba*, 9–10 Oct (ND, DAT), 1 Lake Nakuru NP, 11 Nov (DKR).
- Anas acuta* **Northern Pintail N:** 877 counted Lake Naivasha mid-Jan (KWWG).
- Anas clypeata* **Shoveler N:** 699 counted Lake Naivasha mid-Jan (KWWG).
- Anas crecca* **Teal R:** singles recorded from Mara GR (Jan, Oct) and Lakes Baringo and Naivasha (both Nov) (BWF, DEW).
- Anas querquedula* **Garganey N:** 324 counted Lake Naivasha mid-Jan (KWWG).
- Accipiter brevipes* **Levant Sparrowhawk S(A):** 1 Ngulia 17 and 18 Nov (BWF) was the fifth Kenya record.
- Accipiter nisus* **Eurasian Sparrowhawk S(B):** singles at Ngulia 14 Nov, 3, 5, 6 Dec (DJP, DH, BWF).
- Aquila clanga* **Greater Spotted Eagle S(B):** 1 Lake Elmentaita 8–22 Jan (MACC, LAB), 1 immature Alupe Mission, 4 Nov (BWF), 1 Lake Nakuru NP 27 Nov (IR, NR).
- Aquila heliaca* **Imperial Eagle S(B):** 1 over Ngulia 17 Nov (BWF).
- Aquila pomarina* **Lesser Spotted Eagle R:** singles Kisumu (10 Nov), Mara GR (15 Nov) and Ngulia (4 Dec) were the only records received (DJP, DKR, DEW).
- Hieraetus pennatus* **Booted Eagle R:** singles: Central Island, Lake Turkana (11 Oct), Nairobi (2 Nov), Ngulia (4, 6 Nov, 14 Dec), Mara GR (8 Nov), Lake Jipe (11 Nov) (several observers).
- Circaetus gallicus* **Short-toed Eagle R:** an immature bird over the Kinangop grasslands 22 Nov (DJP, DH). The rarities Committee has commented: "While considered nominate *gallicus*, immature *pectoralis* cannot be ruled out."
- Pernis apivorus* **Honey Buzzard R:** 1 near Kilifi 13 Apr (JHF), 1 near Thika 26 Sep (BWF), 1 over Ngulia 7 Nov (DJP), 1 Mara GR 15 Nov (DKR), 3 Kakamega area 24 Nov (DF).
- Pandion haliaetus* **Osprey N:** 8 at Lake Naivasha mid-Jan (KWWG), 3–4 Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana 8–10 Oct (DAT).
- Falco amurensis* **Eastern Red-footed:** 5 at Maungu 27 Mar (MACC), >50 near Tsavo Safari Camp (Mtito Andei) 28 Nov (DKR), singles over Ngulia 5, 6 Dec (DJP), >300 moving S of Ngulia 12 Dec (DJP).
- Falco concolor* **Scoty Falcon R:** 1 Buffalo Springs GR 7 Nov (DKR), 1 adult Ngulia 12 Nov (DJP), 2 immatures Ngulia 14 Nov (DJP).
- Falco eleonorae* **Eleonora's Falcon R:** 1 Mungatsi, Mumias, 4 Nov (BWF), 1 Lake Naivasha 15 Nov (DEW), 1 Naro Moru 16 Nov (JHF), 1 Timau escarpment 17 Nov (JHF), 2 Kisumu 1 Dec (IR, NR).
- Falco peregrinoides* **Barbary Falcon S(A):** 1 Ololokwe 22 Nov (IR, NR).
- Falco peregrinus* **Peregrine Falcon R:** of the race *calidus*: 1 Watamu 1 Nov (JHF), 1 Lake Elmentaita, 23 Nov (MACC).



- Falco subbuteo Eurasian Hobby N:** groups of >10 around Naro Moru 24 Oct, Lake Elmentaita 10 Nov, Mzima Springs 21 Nov (all DKR).
- Crex crex Corncrake R:** northward passage noted northwestern Mara GR 25 Mar–11 Apr with a max of 10 flushed in 2 km of grassland, 11 Apr (BWF, ML).
- Porzana porzana Spotted Crake S(B):** 1 immature Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana, 10 Oct (ND, DAT).
- Charadrius dubius Little Ringed Plover R:** 16 Lake Baringo mid-Jan (KWWG), 1 Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana 8 Oct (DAT), 3 Lake Elmentaita 9 Oct (MACC), 1 Lake Baringo 12 Nov (DKR), 2 on pond N of Mombasa 18 Nov (DEW), 2 south end of Lake Turkana 31 Dec (MACC), >30 on grassy area, Malindi, mid-Dec (TD).
- Charadrius hiaticula Ringed Plover N (inland):** 46 Lake Baringo, 91 Lake Naivasha and Oloiden, and 161 Lake Nakuru NP all mid-Jan (KWWG).
- Charadrius mongolus Mongolian Sandplover R inland:** 3 Lake Nakuru NP 13 Jan (KWWG), 1 Lake Elmentaita 30 Apr, 4 and 21 May and 17 Nov (MACC), 1 Lake Baringo 5 Nov (DEW), 1 south end Lake Turkana 31 Dec (MACC).
- Pluvialis fulva Pacific Golden Plover R:** 1 Lake Baringo 3 Nov (TS) was the first record for the area.
- Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover R inland:** singles Lake Elmentaita 28 Apr (MACC) and 24 Nov (DAT).
- Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper N:** 241 counted at Lake Naivasha and Oloiden mid-Jan and 110 at Lake Baringo (KWWG); >60 Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana 8–12 Oct (DAT).
- Tringa erythropus Spotted Redshank R:** central Rift Valley lakes: 3 Lake Naivasha, 9 Lake Baringo, 3 Lake Nakuru, in mid-Jan (KWWG); 6 Lake Nakuru NP 11 Feb (DKR). Western Kenya: 1 Ahero Rice Scheme 26 Jan, 1 Mara GR 29 Jan (both DF).
- Tringa totanus Redshank R:** 1 Lake Nakuru 11 Feb (DKR).
- Gallinago media Great Snipe R:** 2 Mungatsi, Mumias 29 Jan (MACC, DAT); 2 in dry grassland, northwest Mara GR 23 Apr (BWF).
- Calidris alba Sanderling inland R:** 1 Lake Baringo 5 Nov and 3 Lake Nakuru NP 6 Nov (both DEW).
- Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper N:** central Rift Valley lakes, mid-Jan: 56 Lake Magadi, >100 Lake Naivasha, 11 Lake Elmentaita, 214 Lake Nakuru NP, 12 Lake Baringo (KWWG).
- Calidris minuta Little Stint N:** central Rift Valley lakes, mid-Jan: 833 Lake Magadi, >350 Lake Naivasha, 481 Lake Elmentaita, 3666 Lake Nakuru NP, 174 Lake Baringo (KWWG).
- Calidris temminckii Temminck's Stint R:** 9 Lake Baringo mid-Jan (KWWG) and 3 still there 8 May (TS), 1 Galana River, Tsavo East NP, 1 Feb (DF), 1 Lake Baringo 5 Nov (DEW), 2–3 Lake Naivasha 14–15 Nov (DEW), 1 northwest Mara GR 9 Dec (SR).
- Limicola falcinellus Broad-billed Sandpiper R:** c. 4 Sabaki River mouth 14 Apr (TS, JHF).
- Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit R:** mid-Jan: 10 Oloiden, 9 Nakuru NP, 7 Lake Baringo (all KWWG); 15 Ahero Rice Scheme 26 Jan (DF), 50 Lake Naivasha 10 Feb

- (DKR); 2 overwintering Lake Elmentaita 7 Jun (MACC) and 2 Lake Naivasha 7–8 Jun (TS); 8 Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana, 10 Oct (DAT), 5 Lake Baringo 12 Nov (DKR), >75 Lake Naivasha 15 Nov (DEW), >50 Amboseli NP 19 Nov (DKR).
- Philomachus pugnax* Ruff N:** central Rift Valley lakes, mid-Jan: 72 Lake Magadi, 781 Lake Naivasha, 106 Lake Elmentaita, 2633 Lake Nakuru NP, 38 Lake Baringo (KWWG).
- Arenaria interpres* Turnstone R inland:** 2 Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana 10 Oct (DAT), 2 Amboseli NP late Oct (MO).
- Phalaropus lobatus* Red-necked Phalarope R:** 3 Lake Elmentaita 9–10 Dec (MACC, BWF).
- Burhinus oedicephalus* Eurasian Stone Curlew R:** 1 Nairobi NP 27 Nov (SR).
- Stercorarius pomarinus* Pomarine Skua S(A):** an adult pale phase Lake Nakuru NP 5 Nov (BWF), 1 immature Lake Nakuru NP 23 Nov (DH, DJP), an immature offshore between Malindi and Watamu 13 Dec (MACC).
- Larus argentatus* Herring Gull R:** 60 counted at Malindi 29 Nov were mostly adult and sub-adult and nearly all grey *taiyrensis* with only 5 *heuglini* (DJP).
- Larus genei* Slender-billed Gull S(B):** 2 overwintering Lake Nakuru NP 1–10 Jul (PR, TS) and 4 there on 5 Nov (BWF).
- Larus ridibundus* Black-headed Gull RN:** mid-Jan counts: 37 Lake Baringo, 23 Lake Nakuru NP, 34 Lake Naivasha (KWWG).
- Sterna sandvicensis* Sandwich Tern S(B):** 1 Lake Baringo 2–6 Nov (several observers).
- First inland Kenya record.*
- Streptopelia turtur* Turtle Dove S(A):** 1 Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana 11 Oct (ND, DAT).
- Sixth Kenya record.*
- Cuculus poliocephalus* Asian Lesser Cuckoo R:** 1 near Ngulia 15 Nov (BWF).
- Caprimulgus europaeus* Eurasian Nightjar R:** passage through Ngulia 8 Nov–4 Dec with 37 ringed (GCB, DJP).
- Jynx torquilla* Eurasian Wryneck S(B):** 1 Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana 9–11 Oct (ND, DAT).
- Delichon urbica* House Martin N:** >250 over Lake Nakuru NP 7 Nov (DEW).
- Irania gutturalis* Irania R:** good passage at Ngulia 11 Nov–17 Dec with 176 ringed (GCB, DJP).
- Phoenicurus phoenicurus* Redstart R:** singles ringed Ngulia 13 and 15 Nov (GCB, DJP), 1 Lake Naivasha 21 Dec (JW).
- Saxicola rubetra* Whinchat R away from western Kenya:** singles recorded at Solio–Mweiga plains 20 Jan, Lake Elmentaita 13–14 Mar, Nairobi NP 14 Apr, Lake Baringo 3 Nov, Lake Elmentaita 23 Nov, Kiambu District 28 Nov (several observers).
- Acrocephalus arundinaceus* Great Reed Warbler R:** 2 ringed Ngulia 9 and 15 Dec (GCB, DJP).
- Acrocephalus griseldis* Basra Reed Warbler R:** good passage at Ngulia 12 Nov–17 Dec with 80 ringed (GCB, DJP).

- Hippolais icterina* Icterine Warbler R:** singles at Marsabit 22 Nov (IR, NR), Ngulia (ringed) 7 Dec (GCB, DJP), Lake Baringo 12 Dec (TS). Wintering in small numbers in eastern Mara GR near Siana Springs keeping to canopy of acacia trees Dec (BWF).
- Hippolais languida* Upcher's Warbler R:** passage at Ngulia 9 Nov–7 Dec with 30 ringed (GCB, DJP).
- Hippolais olivetorum* Olive-tree Warbler R:** good passage at Ngulia 12 Nov–7 Dec with 69 ringed including no less than 43 on 14 Nov (GCB, DJP).
- Locustella fluviatilis* River Warbler R:** 1 Nairobi NP, Athi River area, 21 Nov (DJP); passage through Ngulia 13 Nov–17 Dec with 177 ringed (GCB, DJP).
- Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Wood Warbler S(B):** 1 ringed Ngulia 7 Dec (GCB, DJP) and another seen 8 Dec (BWF).
- Sylvia nisoria* Barred Warbler R:** 1 Takwa ruins, Manda Island, Lamu District 21 Oct (RB); passage through Ngulia 7 Nov–17 Dec with 64 ringed (GCB, DJP).
- Ficedula albicollis* Collared Flycatcher R:** immature present at Siana Springs eastern Mara GR from early Dec to the end of the year (BWF).
- Anthus cervinus* Red-throated Pipit N:** hundreds present in the Athi River basin area of Nairobi NP early Feb (DKR, DAT).
- Motacilla alba* White Wagtail R:** 2–3 present Windsor G&CC, Kiambu District, 3 Dec to end of the year (JRPC).
- Motacilla cinerea* Grey Wagtail E:** 1 Rombo, near Loitokitok 25 Feb (MACC, DAT); 1 Kalanga spring, Ngulia, on 3 Dec was unusual for the area (GCB, DJP).
- Lanius minor* Lesser Grey Shrike R:** southward passage birds: 1 Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana 10 Oct (ND, DAT), 1 Lake Elmentaita 20 Nov (MACC).
- Lanius nubicus* Nubian Shrike S(A):** 1 present Lake Baringo 5 Nov–14 Dec (several observers).
- Lanius senator* Woodchat Shrike R:** 1 adult Mara GR 28–30 Jan (RNH, DF); 2 adults Alupe, Busia, 4 Nov (BWF).

## Tanzania: Afrotropical records

- Ixobrychus minutus payesii* Little Bittern R:** 4 in Bwawani swamp, Zanzibar town, 3–7 Nov (ALA, DAT).
- Ardeola idae* Madagascar Squacco Heron R:** present Itona Estate, Mufindi, 19 Oct (EAdeL).
- Egretta ardesiaca* Black Heron R:** >6 Zanzibar town 3–7 Nov (ALA, DAT).
- Egretta garzetta dimorpha* Little Egret N:** large numbers around the coast of Zanzibar; one group of >75 in early Nov had more than 50 dark phase birds (ALA, DAT).
- Accipiter minullus* Little Sparrowhawk R:** records from Uzungwa Forest Reserve, Mufindi District, Jan and Pungaluma Farm, Mbeya District, Feb (both DCM).
- Accipiter ovampensis* Ovampo Sparrowhawk R:** 1 Tegemeo Farm, Mbeya District 2 Mar (DCM).

- Falco cuvieri African Hobby M:** 1 Ngorongoro Crater rim 29 Dec (DKR).
- Porphyrio alleni Allen's Gallinule R:** 2 Bwawani swamp, Zanzibar town, 5 and 7 Nov (ALA, DAT).
- Porzana marginalis Striped Crake R:** female Bwawani swamp, Zanzibar town 5 and 7 Nov (ALA, DAT).
- First record for Zanzibar.*
- Sarothrura elegans Buff-spotted Pygmy Crake R:** at least 2 calling (day and night) at 2000 m in Ihan'gana Forest Reserve, Mufindi District, 14 Jan (DCM).
- Rostratula benghalensis Painted Snipe R:** 4 Bwawani swamp, Zanzibar town 3–7 Nov (ALA, DAT).
- Tauraco fischeri zanzibaricus Fischer's Turaco M:** pair at edge of Jozani Forest, Zanzibar, 23 Apr (ALA) was the first record of this race for many years.
- Clamator levaillantii Levaillant's Cuckoo R:** calling throughout Jan on Tegemeo Farm, Mbeya District and 2 there 1 Mar (DCM).
- Tyto capensis Cape Grass Owl R:** 2 in short montane grassland at 1900 m near Mapanda village, Mufindi District, 24 Jan and 1 there 9 Jun (DCM).
- Bubo capensis Cape Eagle Owl M:** 2 near Mapanda village, Mufindi District, 24 Jan (DCM).
- Merops hirundineus Swallow-tailed Bee-eater R:** small family groups in Mbeya District, Apr–Jun (DCM).
- Coracias naevia Rufous-crowned Roller M:** 1 Lake Masek, near Ndotu Lodge, eastern Serengeti plains 29 Dec (DKR). A scarce bird in Tanzania.
- Prodotiscus regulus Wahlberg's Honeybird E:** 1 Unga's Bridge, Mufindi, 17 Aug was the first record for the area (EAdeL).
- Smithornis capensis African Broadbill RB:** 2–3 heard daily 25 Jan–24 Feb in montane forest at 1400–1500 m in the Uzungwa Forest Reserve, Mufindi District; nest with 2 eggs found 27 Jan (DCM).
- Pitta angolensis African Pitta R:** singles Itona Estate, Mufindi, on 6 and 30 May (EAdeL).
- Chersomanes albofasciata Spike-heeled Lark R:** 2 on eroded grassland 44 km N of Arusha 3 Feb (TS, BWF).
- Hirundo atrocaerulea Blue Swallow R:** last date at Mufindi 22 Apr, and first there on 26 Sep (EAdeL).
- Dryocichloides lowei Iringa Ground Robin R:** 3–6 heard and seen daily in Uzungwa Forest Reserve, Mufindi District, 13 May–8 Jun (DCM).
- Dryocichloides montanus Usambara Ground Robin RB:** adult feeding newly fledged juvenile above Lushoto, West Usambaras, 23 Jan (TS, BWF).
- Modulatrix orostruthus Dappled Mountain Robin S(B):** 2–6 daily in the Uzungwa Forest Reserve 25 Jan–24 Feb and 13 May–8 Jun in altitudinal range 1390–1650 m (DCM).
- Modulatrix stictigula Spot-throat M:** common above Lushoto and near Mazumbai, West Usambaras, 23–25 Jan (TS, BWF).
- Sheppardia gunningi East Coast Akalat R:** 1 Jozani Forest, Zanzibar, 27 Jan (ALA).

- Swynnertonia swynnertonii* **Swynnerton's Robin S(A)**: 4–6 daily in Uzungwa Forest Reserve, Mufindi District, during Jan, Feb, May and early Jun (DCM).
- Turdus litsipsirupa* **Groundscraper Thrush R**: records from Mbeya District (Feb, Jun, Sep), Iringa District (Jul) and Sao Hill (Sep) (EAdEL, DCM).
- Apalis chariessa* **White-winged Apalis S(B)**: several daily in mixed-species flocks Uzungwa Forest Reserve Jan, Feb, May, early Jun (DCM).
- Cisticola aberrans* **Rock-loving Cisticola R**: 1 on rocky hillside in West Usambaras 22 Jan (TS, BWF).
- Macrosphenus kretschmeri* **Kretschmer's Longbill M**: 1 Karamjee Tea Estate, East Usambaras 28 Jan (TS, BWF).
- Anthus lineiventris* **Striped Pipit M**: c. 6 on steep rocky hillsides in West Usambaras 22 Jan (TS, BWF).
- Anthreptes rubritorques* **Banded Green Sunbird M**: 4 Mazumbai, West Usambaras 25–26 Jan and >10 Irangi, East Usambaras 26–27 Jan (TS, BWF).
- Anthreptes neglectus* **Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird M**: common at Irangi, East Usambaras 26–27 Jan (TS, BWF).
- Ploceus burnieri* **Kilombero Weaver MB**: several hundred breeding in marshes S of Ifakara 30–31 Jan (TS, BWF).
- Ploceus nicolli anderseni* **Usambara Weaver M**: nomenclature after Franzmann (1983) *Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 103: 49–51. 1 adult feeding newly fledged young above Lushoto at 1900 m in West Usambaras, 23 Jan (TS, BWF).
- Passer domesticus* **House Sparrow E**: 15–20 at Mbalizi Mission, 11 km S of Mbeya, Jan–Jun (DCM). See also *Scopus* 16: 101–105.
- Lonchura oryzivora* **Java Sparrow M**: flock of >50 resident in and around Bwawani swamp, Zanzibar town (ALA, DAT).
- Linurgus olivaceus* **Oriole Finch M**: party of 15 in scrubby thicket and secondary forest in Uzungwa Forest Reserve, Mufindi District 8 Jun (DCM).

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supplied by ALA, EAdEL, DKR and DAT

- Circus aeruginosus* **Eurasian Marsh Harrier**: 1 male Zanzibar 4 Nov.
- Pernis apivorus* **Honey Buzzard**: 1 Itona Estate, Mufindi, 4 Nov.
- Tringa erythropus* **Spotted Redshank**: 1 Lake Masek, eastern Serengeti, 28 Dec.
- Tringa stagnatilis* **Marsh Sandpiper**: 1 Zanzibar 6 Nov.
- Limosa limosa* **Black-tailed Godwit**: 1 Lake Masek, Serengeti, 28 Dec.
- Philomachus pugnax* **Ruff**: 1 Zanzibar 4 Nov.
- Cuculus poliocephalus* **Asian Lesser Cuckoo**: 1 Madaba, Ruvuma Region, 30 Mar.
- Hirundo rustica* **Barn Swallow**: 1 Zanzibar 5 and 6 Nov.
- Riparia riparia* **Eurasian Sand Martin**: 1 Zanzibar 5 Nov was the first record for the island.
- Motacilla cinerea* **Grey Wagtail**: 1 Mufindi 28 Oct.

## Uganda: Afrotropical records

- Ixobrychus minutus payesii* **Little Bittern R:** female, Namulonge Research Station, 30 km NNE of Kampala 13 Oct, 19 and 20 Oct (LDCF, JM).
- Ciconia episcopus* **Woolly-necked Stork M:** 1 pair Queen Elizabeth NP 5 Apr, 1 Kibimba Rice Scheme 8 Apr (JFW).
- Plegadis falcinellus* **Glossy Ibis N:** 80 Kibimba Rice Scheme 8 Apr (JFW).
- Platalea alba* **African Spoonbill M:** 3 Kibimba Rice Scheme 8 Apr (JFW), 18 at roost at Nabitembe, Iganga District, 4 Oct (DEP).
- Coturnix chinensis* **Blue Quail R:** 1 flew into light at Makerere University, Kampala, 6 Dec (DEP).
- Sarothrura pulchra* **White-spotted Pygmy Crake R:** present Namulonge Research Station during Mar and Sep (LDCF, JM).
- Chlidonias hybridus* **Whiskered Tern M:** 2–3 Entebbe 31 Mar (JFW).
- Agapornis pullaria* **Red-headed Lovebird R:** 3 Kampala 10 Mar, 10–12 Namulonge 15 Sep (both LDCF).
- Rhaphidura sabini* **Sabine's Spinetail M:** 2 over Rabongo Forest, S of Murchison Falls, 23 Jan (ADFW).
- Pogoniulus scolopaceus* **Speckled Tinkerbird R:** 2 Namulonge 28 Sep (LDCF).
- Dendropicos poecilolaemus* **Uganda Spotted Woodpecker R:** pair and 2 immatures Namulonge 12 Oct (LDCF).
- Ptilostomus afer* **Piapiac M:** flocks reported at Hoima 19 Mar and Jinja 9 Apr (JFW).
- Criniger calurus* **Red-tailed Greenbul R:** 1 Namulonge 2 Oct (LDCF).
- Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris* **Cliff Chat M:** 1 female Kagadi 21 Mar (JFW).
- Drymocichla incana* **Red-winged Grey Warbler R:** 1 Murchison Falls NP 6 Feb (ADFW).
- Bias musicus* **Black and White Flycatcher R:** 1–2 at Namulonge Mar, Sep and Oct (LDCF).
- Lamprotornis purpureus* **Purple Glossy Starling R:** 4–6 Kampala 9 Mar, >5 Namulonge 24 Sep and singles there 6 and 17 Oct (LDCF).
- Ploceus superciliosus* **Compact Weaver R:** >20 Namulonge 12 Oct (LDCF).
- Serinus koliensis* **Papyrus Canary R:** pair at Namulonge 12–20 Oct (LDCF, JM).

## Uganda: Palearctic records

- Ciconia ciconia* **White Stork N:** >80 soaring over Mbale 9 Apr (JFW).
- Tringa erythropus* **Spotted Redshank R:** 4 Kajansi fish farm near Kampala 27 Jan (CD, DEP).
- Limosa limosa* **Black-tailed Godwit R:** 1 Kajansi fish farm near Kampala 27 Jan (CD, DEP).

*Larus fuscus* Lesser Black-backed Gull N: c. 450 Lake Munyanyange, QENP, 11 Jan (DEP).

*Gelochelidon nilotica* Gull-billed Tern N: c. 650 Lake Munyanyange, QENP 11 Jan (DEP).

*Coracias garrulus* Eurasian Roller D: 1 Entebbe 30 Mar (JFW).

*Apus apus* Eurasian Swift N: marked passage over Namulonge 22–27 Sep, with a max of 200–300 on 27 Sep (LDCF), 200–300 near Jinja 13 Oct (DEP).

*Delichon urbica* House Martin M: 3 overwintering near Entebbe 8 Jun, feeding with Angola Swallows *Hirundo angolensis* (DEP).

*Ficedula albicollis* Collared Flycatcher R: 1 immature Namulonge 29 Sep (LDCF).

*Lanius minor* Lesser Grey Shrike D: 1 immature Namulonge 9 Oct (LDCF).

### Kenya: Afrotropical back record

*Sarothrura boehmi* Streaky-breasted Pygmy Crane S(B): 1 calling from edge of reeds at Hyana Dam, Nairobi NP, 16 Jun 1989 (CR).

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### Key to columns

1. Budongo Forest 18 Apr–4 May, 2. Kasyoha-Kitomi Forest 12–28 May, 3. Itwara Forest 11–17 Jun, 4. Semliki Forest 26–29 Jun, 5. Impenetrable (= Bwindi) Forest 7–11 Jul, 6. Rwenzori Forest 18–26 Jun, 12–21 Jul, 7. Kalinzu Forest 22–26 Jul, 8. Sango Bay Forest 2–7 Aug, 9. South Busoga Forest 8–12 Aug, 10. Mafuga Plantation Forest (north of the Impenetrable) 26–29 Nov

True Forest species in bold type

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Hooded Vulture <i>Neophron monachus</i>	✓									
Harrier Hawk <i>Polyboroides radiatus</i>		✓			✓			✓	✓	✓
Great Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			
<b>Western Little Sparrowhawk</b> <i>A. erythropus</i>										
<b>Mountain Buzzard</b> <i>Buteo tachardus</i>					✓	✓				✓
Ayres' Hawk Eagle <i>Hieraetus dubius</i>										
Long-crested Eagle <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>					✓	✓	✓			
<b>Crowned Eagle</b> <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
Cuckoo Hawk <i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>										

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